




# Focusing Minds. Creating Solutions. **STRENGTHENING COLORADO.**

## Who We Are


Colorado College is nationally recognized for its immersive Block Plan, which enables extensive undergraduate research and applied learning opportunities.

 **Research Colleges and Universities designation**  
*Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*

 **Four-time Top Fulbright Producing Institution**  
*U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs*

 **2025 #1 Producer of Peace Corps Volunteers Among Small Colleges**

 **2025 Higher Education Excellence and Distinction (HEED) Award**  
*Insight Into Academia magazine*

 **Career Connected Campus**  
*Colorado Department of Higher Education*

## Economy Driver

*Top 5 Industries Employing CC's Class of 2025*

 **Arts/Media/Communication**

 **Business**

 **Consulting**

 **Education**

 **Engineering/Web/Technology**

## Student Body Snapshot



- 2,102 enrolled
- 54.5% female
  - 43% male
  - 2.5% another gender



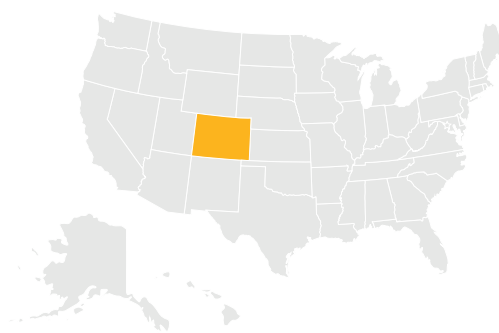
Approximately 21% of the 2025–26 student body (434 students) are from Colorado



9.2% of the 2025–26 student body are first-generation college students (enrolled, degree-seeking, undergrad)

## Class of 2029 Profile

- 517 enrolled (22% admit rate)
- 47 states and 19 countries represented
- 18% are from Colorado
- 23.4% are domestic students of color
- 50.3% female, 47.6% male, 2.1% nonbinary or another gender
- 6.4% international students
- 11% first-generation
- 32 gap year students, 30 transfers
- 15% valedictorians, 58% in top 10% of their class



## Outcomes That Matter for Colorado

**94%**  
retention rate for first-to second-year Colorado students in the Class of 2027

**88%**  
overall graduation rate for Colorado students within 6 years (entering in Fall 2018)

**5,500**  
More than 5,500 CC alumni are currently working in Colorado (over 2,000 in Colorado Springs alone).

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From the Class of 2024, 3 of the top 7 cities our graduates move to are in Colorado.

## Research with Reach: 2024–25 Impact

Colorado College has earned the “Research Colleges and Universities” (RCU) designation from the Carnegie Foundation and American Council on Education, recognizing institutions that spend more than **\$2.5 million annually** on research.



- One of 36 national liberal arts colleges with an RCU designation
- One of 3 Associated Colleges of the Midwest
- One of 10 liberal arts colleges in the West



- 22 faculty and staff managed 29 research awards totaling \$3.4 million
  - 3 awards in the arts and humanities
  - 3 awards in the social sciences
  - 23 awards in the natural sciences



- 111 students conducted research alongside faculty through CC’s Student Collaborative Research (SCoRE) program

### Access That Expands Opportunity

Colorado College is one of only 84 colleges and universities nationwide that meet the full demonstrated financial need of every admitted student.



\$67 million total financial aid budget (2024–25) *Approximately 30% funded by the endowment*



Approximately 41% of CC’s annual endowment payout is dedicated to financial aid



Average annual aid package for first-year students (2024–25): \$58,375



191 students supported in work study positions in the 2024–25 academic year



Pell Grants, SEOG, and Federal Work Study together provide approximately \$2.7 million each year in direct federal aid to CC students

### Commitment to Colorado Students

- 460 students from Colorado currently enrolled (*about 21% of student body*)
- 380 of those students receive financial aid
- For 190 Colorado families, annual aid exceeds \$70,500
- 57.92% of all CC students receive financial aid
- 82.8% of Colorado students receive aid



### The Four Corners Pledge *A Regional Affordability Commitment*

The Four Corners Pledge (formerly the Colorado Pledge) makes college affordable for families in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah with incomes \$250,000 or less and typical assets for their income level.

- Since launching the Colorado Pledge in 2019, Colorado student enrollment has grown from 12% to 20%.
- In 2024–25, 45 first-year students benefited from the Colorado Pledge.

#### ***Under the Pledge***

Families earning less than **\$60,000**

Parental contribution is zero

Families earning up to **\$125,000**

Parents pay no more than room and board

Families earning up to **\$250,000**

Parents pay \$40,000 a year or less (*comparable to tuition at state flagship institutions in CO, NM, UT, and AZ*)